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I am sending along a comment with regard to CRMC's recommendation for Concurrence in the Revolution Wind matter before the Council Tuesday May 9, 2023. I attended the hearing April 25 hoping to comment but time ran out. Unfortunately i cannot attend May 9 for the continuance but was hoping to submit the comment below to be circulated among the Council members and to be entered into the official record of the meeting. I will also try to find an attendee to read it.

Thank you for your help.
Nancy Osborn

On page 18 of the CRMC Staff Recommendation for Concurrence it states that various system level changes, including climate change and on and off shore wind energy development will impact the ability of National Marine Fishery Services and the Regional Fishery Council to conduct fishing stock assessment surveys. If the ability of NMFS and the Fisheries Council to conduct fishing stock surveys is in question, it is unreasonable to rely on Revolution Wind to conduct fisheries research and monitoring - the third modifying condition of the Revolution Wind proposal upon which CRMC is basing its concurrence. For this reason, the proposed off shore wind renewable energy project does NOT comply with enforceable policies of the Rhode Island coastal management program and CRMC therefore should not recommend a concurrence in this matter. Any decision should be held over until an independent third party who avers that it can conduct reliable fisheries research and monitoring can be retained at a cost borne by Revolution Wind. =